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By the authority of

The Honorable and Well-born Lord, Philip Anthony, Baron von der Fels, Dean of the honorable chapter of knights at Bruchsal and Capitulary at Wimpfen, Lord of the lordships at Contre, Heffingern and Chief Magistrate at Waibstadt: I, John George Lamperet, hereby and in virtue hereof, announce and declare that the bearer, Christian Bomberger, who has for upwards of twelve years been a farmer and tenant of the Baron von der Fels, has now with his wife and eight children determined to remove hence to seek his fortune and subsistence in other lands; and having for the promotion of the reputation of himself and family, and for the identification of his good name, regularly applied at this office for an honorable dismissal, it has therefore, been deemed proper to grant this reasonable petition.

For as much, then, as the aforesaid Bomberger personally, as also his wife and children, have in all things conducted themselves well, virtuously and honorably in respect to the officials of our beneficent government, as well as trustworthy, industrious and courteous towards residents and neighbors, and so continue that we should gladly retain him and his as our citizens, the same person and his family at their own pleasure and with the knowledge and consent of the gracious authorities, are hereby dismissed and bidden farewell. Consequently, all and each, exalted and inferior officials, civil and military rulers, government, servants and minor officers, as well as other Christian-loving people, are requested in a polite, friendly and neighborly manner to grant them kind, sympathetic, serviceable, genial and favorable assistance and co-operation; more especially as the aforesaid persons now depart from a place which is healthy and free from disease, and have been declared free and absolved from even the smallest obligations. The favor herewith conceded will be reciprocated to the best of our ability on this and on all other occasions. Officially granted under the great seal of my office and attested by my signature. Eschelbronn, May 12, 1722. John George Lamperet.
(Seal).

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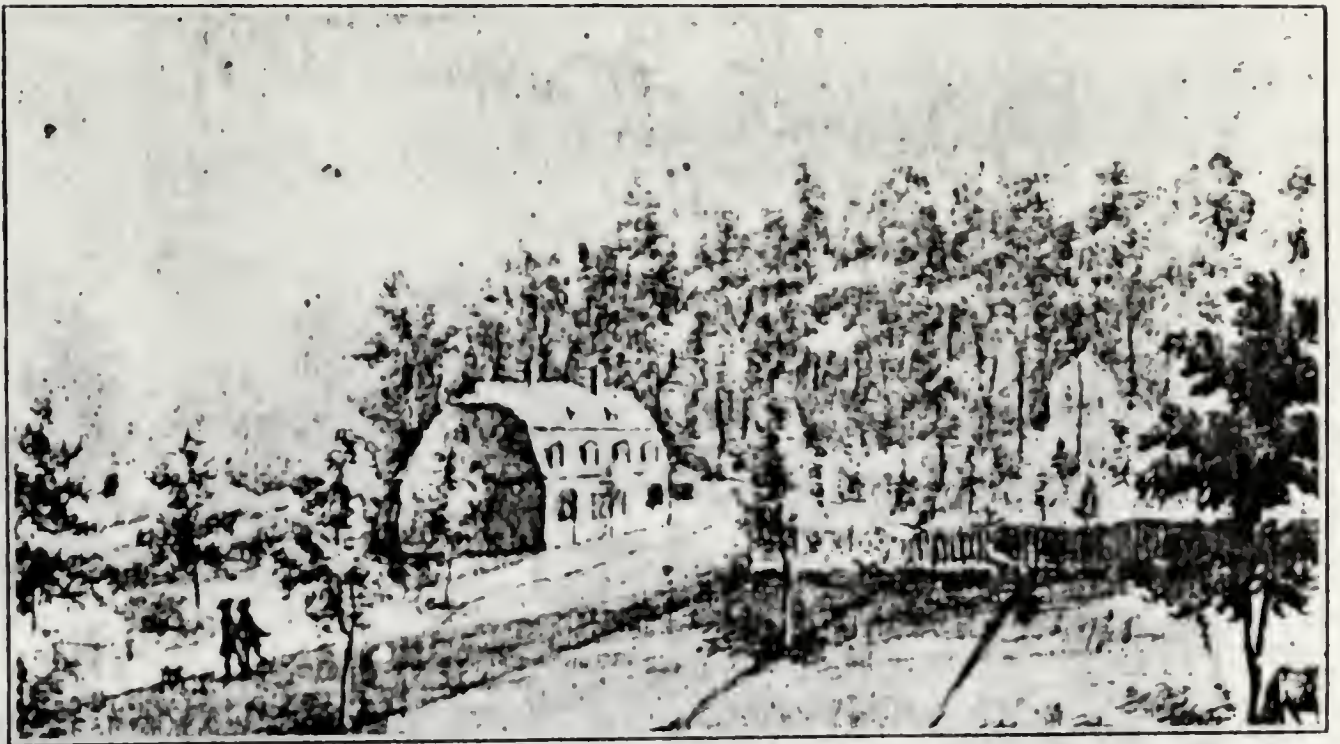
The first settlement adjoining the point where Penn, Elizabeth and Warwick townships now meet in Lancaster county was made by Christian Bomberger, who arrived in Philadelphia with his family about six weeks after leaving Eschelbronn, Baden, Germany in 1722. Warwick is one of 12 townships named when Lancaster county was formed from Chester county in 1729. It was named by Richard Carter for Warwickshire, England, Carter's old home.

The first Bomberger probably was a squatter for a time on land where the foothills of the Triassic red sandstone become gravel to join the fertile limestone valleys. He built his dugout against a hillside near a supply of spring water. Wolves at night time, attracted by the smell of humans, scratched dirt down the chimney, and it was necessary to throw blazing bits of wood up the chimney to frighten them away.

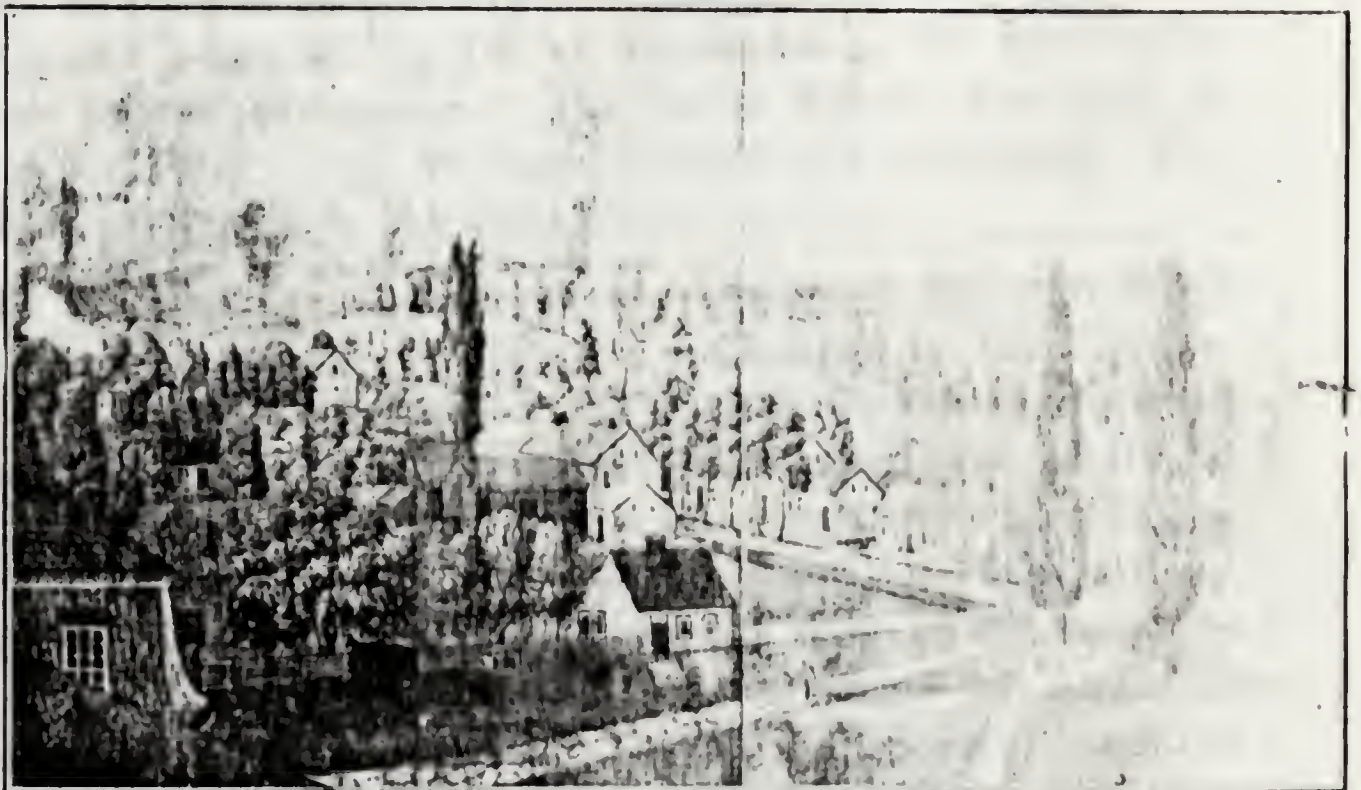
This Bomberger, all told, owned over 600 acres, along what later became the Newport road, leading from the Cornwall iron mines to the seacoast. He received a deed from the Penn heirs in 1734—a large seal of beeswax, about three inches wide, with the words, "Love, and Peace, and Truth," on one side; and, on the other, "Justice and Mercy," is attached to the parchment by a blue silk ribbon.

Jacob Bomberger, of the third generation, received the rudiments of a German education at Moravian Lititz (founded 1756). As a youth he became an officer in the second battalion of the Pennsylvania troops under General John Forbes and Colonel Henry Bouquet during the French and Indian war. He also was in the Revolutionary service, but after 1783, became a missionary to the Indians in the western country. He died near Harrisburg in 1829, aged 85 years. Jacob's brother, John, also served in the Revolution.

Scenes The Early Bombergers Saw

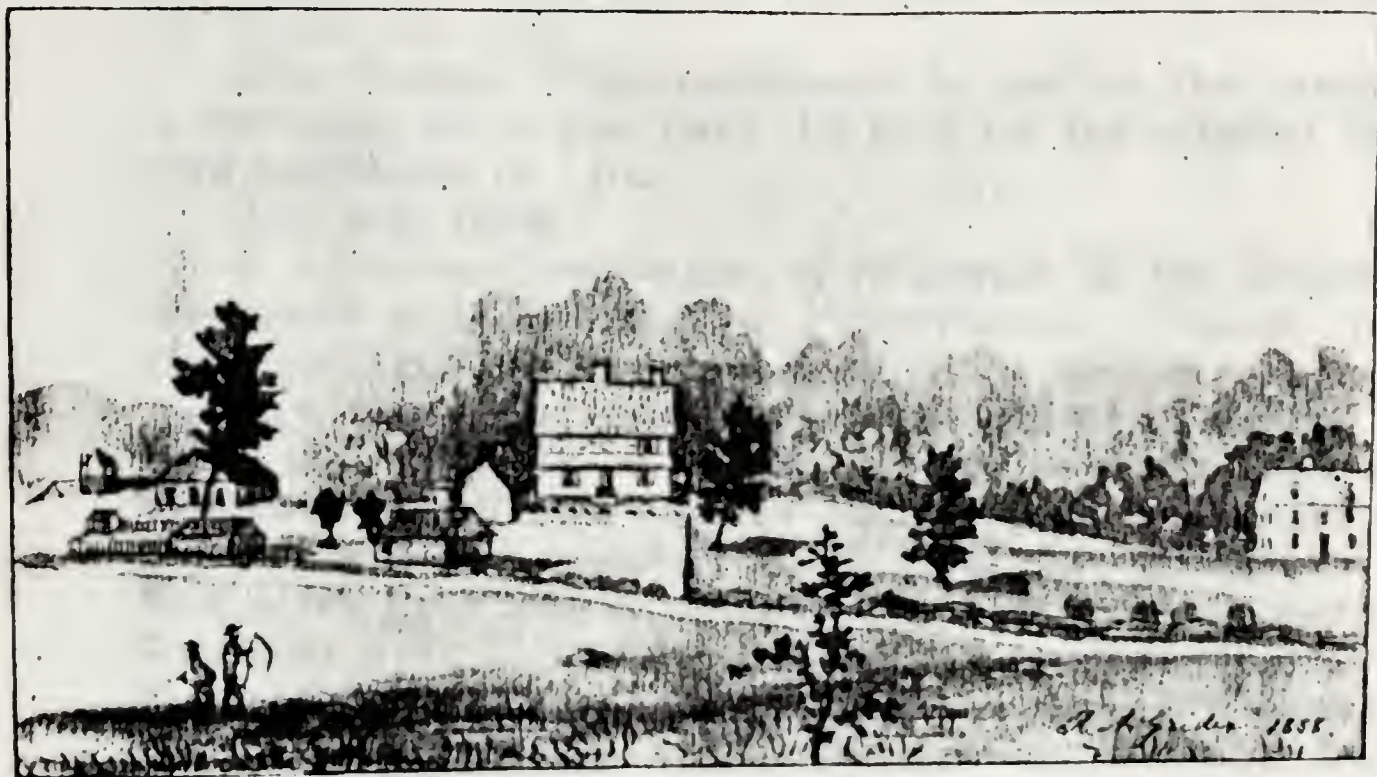


First Gemeinhaus in Lititz. Photograph in Moravian Church archives.



Early View of Lititz, from Brother House.

The First House of Lititz.



The first house in Lititz, was built by George Klein, in 1745. From that year until 1761 it served the purpose of a Gemeinhaus (meeting place and parsonage for the Moravians). Also called the Pilgerhaus. 1761-1763, the congregation store and tavern, kept by Andrew Horn. 1765-1804, owned and occupied by David Tannenberg, the first organ builder in the Colonies. A Provincial Synod was held in it August 15-17, 1754, Bishop Spangenberg presiding. The original sketch is in the Bethlehem archives.

The Bombergers were frequent visitors to the new town of Lititz, which was the nearest settlement to their farms. The place was so named by Count Nikalous Ludwig Zinzendorf, patron of the Moravians, after his estate in Saxony. The Moravian is the oldest Protestant denomination in the world, dating back to the days of John Huss. Count Zinzendorf held a religious meeting in 1742 at the home of Jacob Huber "Hill Inn" which was attended by Christian Bomberger. Lititz was named in 1756. Zinzendorf made an unsuccessful attempt to combine all Protestant denominations in the Colonies.

Last Will and Testament

The will of the first Christian Bomberger shortly after his death was recorded at the court house in Lancaster, on March 25, 1742.

The George Klein mentioned as one of the executors is the same Klein that gave the land for the original Moravian settlement of Lititz.

The will reads:

I, Christian Bomberger, of Warwick in the County of Lancaster and Province of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, therefore calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this, my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life, I give, Devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprmls. It is my will and I do order that in the first place all my Just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Mary, my Beloved wife, the sum of one hundred and seventy pounds of good and lawful money, to be raised and paid out of my Estate.

Item. It is my will that the remainder of my estate be equally divided between my children, namely: Anna, Margaret, Barbara, John, Elizabeth, and Christian, so that there be due regard kept of what each of them, have received from me in my life. I give and bequeath to my son, John, all that tract of land where he now lives upon, containing 200 acres, to him and his heirs and assigns forever, according to the value agreed with him in my Lifetime.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law, Martin Bougher, who is married to my daughter, Elizabeth, to him and his heirs, or assigns forever, according to the agreement made with him in my lifetime, all that tract of land where he now lives upon, containing 160 acres.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Christian, the plantation and tract of land where I now live upon, containing about 200 acres, to him, his heirs, assigns; so that he appraised and he get no more than an equal share.

I likewise constitute, make and ordain my son-in-law, John Caffman, and my trusty friends, Michael Shond and Geo. Klein, my only and sole executors of this my last will and Testament.

Signed this 30th day of June, 1741.

Christian Bomberger.

Witness.

Christian Stafer.

Jacob Weill.

Emanuel Carpenter.

Inventory of Personal Effects

A true inventory of all the goods and effects of Christian Bomberger, of Lancaster County, late deceased, are as follows:

	£	S.	D.
To working tools - - - - -	2	11	
To cash - - - - -	28	3	
To Bills and Bonds - - - - -	32	2	7
Per Book Debts - - - - -	62	13	4
To 3 horses and gears - - - - -	25		
To 2 mares - - - - -	16	10	
To young mare and horse colt - - - - -	20		
To black mare & colt & young horse -	11		
To a wagon and plow - - - - -	5	10	
To 4 steers & 7 young head cattle - -	17		
To four cows - - - - -	11		
To the plantation wagon - - - - -	1	10	
To 5 sheep - - - - -	2	2	
To old wagon wheels - - - - -	1		
To jointer flats - - - - -	1		
To lot kettles and big kettle - - - -	2	18	
To jointer flats - - - - -		12	
To tools - - - - -	1	1	
To augur & other tools - - - - -		15	
To 2 heckels - - - - -	1		
To chest & 15 Yds. linen & 10 yds. woolen	3	10	
To bed and linen - - - - -	6		
To jean & 11 bags - - - - -	2		
To 2 beds & chest & linen - - - - -	6	10	
To sundries - - - - -		15	
To 80 Bu. wheat at 3 S per bu. - - -	12		
To 25 bu. barley - - - - -	2	10	
To old grain - - - - -		18	
To hand saws - - - - -		6	
To a steel and other tools - - - - -	3		
To dung fork & hook - - - - -		15	
To a broad ax and grubbing & finishing ax	1		
To maul ring & weages - - - - -		9	
To a bede - - - - -	1	5	
To a grain cradle - - - - -		15	
To a sundry - - - - -	1		
To a windmill - - - - -	1		
To a cutting box - - - - -		8	
To 2 chairs - - - - -		15	
To a sheep shears - - - - -		1	6
To 30 yards of linen - - - - -	2		
To several head lines - - - - -	8		
	300	17	5

Appraised by
Jacob H. Weill
Emanuel Carpenter
April 5, 1742.

Am 16ten Noeember, in der Nachbarschaft von Litz,
81 Jahre alt, weniger 6 Tage, Herr Johannes
Bamberger, allgemein geliebt und geschätzt.

So hast auch du nun das Ziel erreicht,
Die Ruhe, welcher sonst keine gleicht!
O wie wird's so wohl thun,
Von Schmerz und Plage,
Nach manchem körperlich schweren Tage,
Sanft anzuruh'n.

Die Mutter, welche bald fünfzig Jahr
Mit dir in Liebe verbunden war,
Wohnt dir zwar die Ruhe,
Doch, ihrem Herzen
Machen die bitteren Trennungs-Schmerzen
Das Warten schwer.

Mit Sehnsucht blut'st sie dir weinend nach,
Ihr Herze senkzet: mein Heiland, ach,
Weiche Tu nie von mir!
Laß es geschehen,
Daß ich im Glauben mög' fest bestehen,
Bis hin zu Dir.

Die Aender kehren zurück vom Grab,
Segen, zwar trauernd, den Pilgerstab,
Woll vertrauend weiter.
Des Vaters Segen
Ruhe auf ihnen auf künft'gen Wegen,
Bis an ihr Grab.

Wie groß wird dort einst die Freude seyn
Wie singt das himmlische Chor so rein!
Welch ein Wiedersehen!
O Herr gib Gnade,
Auch uns, zu wandeln auf rechtem Pfade,
Bis hin ans Ziel.

(Gefesandt.)

J. W. N a u c h.

Am 7ten December, in der Nachbarschaft von Litz,
Anna, hinterlassene Wittwe des am 16ten Noeem-
ber verstorbenen Johannes Bamberger, in einem Alter
von 74 Jahren und 25 Tagen.

Wohl dir, dein Wunschen ist erfüllt,
Beriegt sind deine Thränen,
Dein Seufzen hat der Herr gestillt,
Und dein nach Ruhe sehn'n;
Er führte dich vor Seinen Thron,
Und schenkte dir die Siegeskron.

Du sinkst zu Jesu Füßen hin,
Dankst Ihm für dein Vollenden,
Für den auch dir geschenkten Sinn,
Dich stets zu Ihm zu wenden;
Dann kommen aus dem sel'gen Heer,
Wohl viel Bekannte zu dir her.

Wie himmlisch wird die Freude seyn
Was wird der Vater sagen?
Er wird sich deiner Ankunft freu'n,
Doch, bald erstaunt dich fragen:
Hat Jesus schon dein Bleib'n erfüllt?
Die Sehnsucht dir so bald gestillt?

Drey Wochen trennten dich von mir,
Schon sind wir neu vereinet,
Und ewig trennt kein Tod uns hier,
Hier wird nicht mehr geweinet.
Hörst du wie schön die Harfe klingt?
Wie alles Jubelpsalmen singt?

Man singt hier ein gar schönes Lied,
Dabei herrscht heil'ger Friede,
Auch singt ein jedes fröhlich mit,
Und keins wird jemals müde;
Dost sehn wir Jesum freundlich nah'n,
Dann beten wir ihn dankbar an. —

Man Mutter stimmst auch du mit ein,
Hilfst Inbelloeder singen;
Mit der vollendeten Gemein,
Dem Herrn Dankopfer bringen,
Der es mit euch so schön gemacht,
Euch beyde glücklich durchgebracht.

Und o, du großer Sünderfreund,
Laß es auch uns gelingen,
Daß wir einst alleamt vereint,
Zum Ziel durch Gnade bringen,
Wo man von Erdennoth nichts weiß,
Wo man nichts hört als Dank und Preis.

J. Wm. N a u c h.

[Gefesandt.]

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"Johnny" Bomberger

John Bomberger, fourth generation in this country, died November 16, 1861, aged 81 years. Three weeks later on December 7, his widow, Anna, died, aged 74 years. On each occasion J. William Rauch wrote an appropriate verse which was printed in the **Volkesfreund und Baobachter**, a German weekly published at Lancaster. Christ Rauch, surveyor and scrivener, was a close friend of the Bombergers. His family spent many summer days on the Bomberger farm. The elder Rauch published a **Written Arithmetic** in 1804.

"Johnny" Bomberger, as he was affectionately called, was a carpenter and cabinet maker as well as a farmer. He made all the furniture for his three daughters when they went to housekeeping, and made the cases for huge grandfather's clocks for his two sons. He built a rocking cradle for his brother, Abraham, who lived at Annville, Lebanon county, and delivered it one night, travelling over the mountains on horseback, a distance of 18 miles. He also made a grain cradle and carried it on his shoulders for 12 miles to a place near Chestnut Hill, before sunrise, and then did a day's work at carpentering. A few years ago the chimney of a house was rebuilt in Brickerville. Between bricks and board was found a paper bearing the message written with purple ink: "I, John Bomberger, made this chimney on the 8th of September, in the year of 1802. May he who finds this think of God, and also of me."

He was a trustee of the first school house, before the Pennsylvania free public school system was adopted, and helped build a log school building, also used as a church, at Lexington. Here Byerly's Speller and Sanders' Readers were used. His reputation in that section of Lancaster county was such that when a youngster in the school was asked, "Who made the world?" the reply was "Johnny Bomberger."

Lititz Springs



Lititz Springs in 1845. Painting by J. Augustus Beck in Moravian Church archives.

Lititz Springs, the largest limestone spring in the state, is surrounded by about seven acres of park, owned by the Moravian church.

The clear limestone water gushes forth from a point at which several underground streams converge. Chaff placed in a cave on the Bomberger farm northwest of Lititz has reached the springs by subterranean channels.

The place is popular for Sunday School, family reunions, and other picnics. A Fourth of July celebration, which attracts thousands from far and wide has been held there since about 1818, although the first of any importance was held in 1843 when about \$12 was realized for improvement of the park. Only four hundred candles were used then.

A stone tablet placed at the spring by the Beck family (well known educators) reads "Goettes Bruennlein hat Wasser die Fulle," (God's Fount is never failing).

When the first Bombergers arrived in that vicinity in the early part of the 18th century the site of the park was a swamp.

A Late Autumn View



Lititz Springs Park



The Bomberger Cemetery

By *Henry H. Bomberger*

Oft did the harvest to their sickle yield,
Their furrow oft the stubborn glebe has broke,
How jocund, did they drive their team afield;
How bowed the woods beneath their sturdy stroke.

From Gray's Elegy in a Country Church-Yard.

The Bomberger cemetery is located two miles northwest of Lititz, 400 feet north of the Bomberger marker at the old Newport Road. The first body interred was the daughter of Christian Bomberger (pioneer) prior to 1740; the grave was marked with a small limestone, no date. The first marker is M. B. (Mary Bomberger), C. B. (Christian Bomberger), no date. Christian died in 1742; two daughters preceded him. His son, John, the oldest of his family died in 1756; no marker, but a simple small stone which has crumbled. The Martin Bucher (pioneer) grave is not marked, although all of the early Buchers are buried in the cemetery. Seven generations of the Bomberger family are interred in the plot. There are about 18 graves not marked. The Kartz family of three buried in this cemetery had a tannery at Lexington about 1800. The last burial was 1907.

Magdalena Bomberger, wife of Joseph Bomberger, was a daughter of Christian Hershey. Her grandmother was born on the Atlantic ocean, three weeks before her parents landed in America.

Here the pioneers, Christian Bomberger and Martin Bucher, sleep on this hallowed plot in unmarked graves.

(Inscriptions are copied here as originally carved. The sculptors were not always careful as to spelling and grammatical forms).

1. Heir ruhet
Jacob Bomberger,
Born 7th September 1782
Died 25th May 1828
Aged 45 years 8 Month.
2. Maria Bomberger
Born December 13 1790
Died May 7, 1871
Aged 80 years, 4 mo. 24 days.
3. Heir Ruhet, Jacob Gingrich
Gdoren den 11 den Sept. 1786
Starbden 4ten Mar. 1871
Sein Alter 81 yahr und 8 monaite.
Psalm 30. 10.
4. Zum Audenken An Elizabeth Gingrich
Geboren Bomberger. Geboren den 7 ten
October 1793 Gesterben den 11 ten Maerg
1870 ehre alter war 76 Yahr 5 monat und 4 dage.
5. Borne an infant daughter of C. H. & Lizzie
Bomberger December 30, 1879.

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6. Heir Ruhet, Benjamin, Sohn Von Christian und Catharine Bomberger, War Alt 27 dage 1850
7. Heir ruhet
Catharine Bomberger, Geboren Hess.
Geboren Dec. 8, 1819 Starb Juli 26, 1875
Alter 55 Jahr 7 Monate 18 tage.
Drum Weinecht nicht so sehr fur mich
Jhe Freunde, und Bekamten, Frent Eich vill
mehr, mit ihm doss ich des leiben uber-
standen, Der Leidens Kampf ist nun Vollpracht,
Ich wincht euch alle gute nacht.
8. Father
Christian Bomberger Born Mar. 5 1818
Died Jan. 1, 1898 aged 79 yrs. 9 mo. 26 days.
Text John 5:16 and Psalm 94:19
Sleep on dear Father,
and take thy rest,
God called thee home,
He thought it Best.
9. Mother
Barbara wife of Jacob Bomberger and
daughter of Christian & Barbara Hess.
Born Dec. 25, 1829
Died Mar. 11, 1901 aged 71 years 2 mo. and 16 days.
Mother thou art gone to rest,
We will not weep for thee,
For thou art now where oft on earth,
Thy spirit longed to be. Text Heb. 11:16.
10. Father
Jacob Bomberger.
Geboren den 15 ten Oct. 1821 Starb den 14 ten Moi 1885
erbracht sein alter 60 yahr 7 monate und 13 tage
Drum weinecht nicht so sehr fur mich
Jhe seeunde und Bekamten,
Freut eich viel mehr mit ihm,
Doss ich das leiden irber standen
Der leidens kampf ist nun vollpracht,
Ich wunch euch alle gute nacht
Text—Psalm 31. 18. 20
11. Ruhe Sanft.
Heir ruhet, Isaveous, S. ohn von
Levi B. and Elizabeth Brubaker, geboren
Nov. 26, 1848 Starb April 21, 1867
Alt. 18 Yahr 4 mo. und 25 tage
Text 1 Peter Chap 1 v 24.
Ruh Sanft in Deina erdans graft,
Bis dich dein heiland weiden ruft.
12. Heir ruhet, Elias in sohn von
Joseph and Maria Brubaker starb in
1830 in sines alter von 1 monat und 15 tage.
13. Adaline Daughter of Jacob H. and Anna Shirk
born August 30, 1866.

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14. Heir Ruhet Maria ehefran von Joseph Brubaker
geboren Nov. 28, 1787 starb Feb. 14, 1858.
Alter 70 yahres 2 mo. 16 days.
In deine hande befehle ich meinen Geist
do hast mich erlast Herr de treuer Gott
Psalm 31 6.
15. Heir ruhet Joseph B. Brubaker Born Sept. 23, 1785
died April 11, 1875 aged 89 years 6 mo. 18 days.
16. Hier ruhet
Martin Weber geboren den 14 October 1810
Gestorben 4 ten September 1846 alter 26 yahre
10 mo. 12 tage.
17. Fannie, Wife of Augustus J. Sturgis
born May 28, 1815 died Jan. 7, 1885
Aged 69 years 7 mo. -and 9 days.
18. Zum andenken an Elisabeth Ehrel frau von
Daniel Brubacher, geboren June 25, 1785
Starb Sept. 25, alter 73 Yahre
8 mo. Sellig sind die un gerechkgheit willen
verfolget werden dem das hummelreich ist thr.
Matt. 5 10.
19. Im July den 12 ten 1781 bin ich
Daniel Brubacher geboren, und ist gestabron
dem 21 Jan. 1863 alter 79 yahr 6 mo. 9 tage.
Die gnada usersn Herrn Jesus Christ Sey mit
eich. Amen.
20. Anna E. daughter of A. & M. Weaver died
April 16, 1863. Aged 1 year 10 mo. 12 days
21. Weidler, W. Son of John & Elizabeth Brubaker
born May 4th 1858 died May. 29, 1869 aged 11 years
26 days.
Sleep Weidler dear take your rest.
God called you home he thought it best.
Twas hard indeed to part with thee.
But Christs strong arm supported thee.
22. Mother, Eliza, wife of Elias Eitnier
born Feb. 18, 1824, died April 19, 1900
Aged 76 yrs. 2 mo. 1 day.
23. Father, Elias Eitnier born Nov. 3, 1817
died Jan. 26, 1902, aged 84 yrs. 2 mo. 23 days.
24. Heir ruhet
Barbara Bomberger geboren Erb. Geboren den 19
Febr. 1790 und entschlafen den 17 August 1834.
Ehr alter war 44 yahr 5 mo. 29 tage.
Dei Leibenicht war when
Math 25, 13
25. Heir Ruhet
Anna Gingrich geboren den 17
Aged 16

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26. Heir Ruhet John Bomberger
Geboren November 12, 1780
Starb November 16, 1861
Seinis Alters 80 yahr 11 monate und 24 tage
Text Offend C14:13
- 26a Heir ruhet Anna Bomberger
Geboren November 11, 1787
Starb December 6, 1861
Ihres alter 74 yahrs und 25 tage
Text Offer 7. 16. 17
27. Heir ruhet Johannes Bomberger
Ward geborden den 12 Feb. 1750
Isht gestorben den 9 Aug. 1818
Sein Alter war 68 yahr. 5 mo. und 27 tage.
28. Heir ruhet Maria Bamberger
Geborn den 8 Nov. 1758
Gestorben den 22 Jany 1831
Ihr alter war 72 yahr 7 monate und 14 tage.
29. Heir ruhet Daniel Bamberger ihr war geboren
den 5 February 1791 und gestarben dem 6 April 1815
Sein alter war 24 yahr 2 monate und 1 tage.
30. Heir ruhet Jacob Bamberger ar ward geboren
den 29 September 1756 und ist gestorben 4 May
1811 Sein alter gebracht war 55 yahr
4 monate und 5 tage..
- 31.
32. Inft viz Frank 1813.
33. Heir Ruhet dem leibe nach
Catharine Bamberger Sie war geboren den
8 September 1750 ist gestorben den 7 May
1813. Ihr alter war 62 yahr 7 monate und 29 tage.
34. Heir ruhet dem leibe nach
Christian Bamberger er ward geboren den 13 May 1736
und ist gestorben den 8 December 1811 sein alter
war 78 yahr 6 mo. 26 tage.
Er Ruhet in Frieden.
35. Heir ruhet Magdalena Bamberger, Geboren Hershey
geboren den 20 Merz 1765 gestorben den 24 November
1845 ihr altas war 80 yahr 8 monate und 4 tage.
Die Leidsnede war uber
Text offer John 14. 18.
36. Heir ruhet Joseph Bamberger, geboren den 14 September
1762 und gestorben den 30 July 1811. Sein alter
war 48 yahr 10 monate un 16 tage.
Bleibend Stadto Sondern
Zukunig Suchen Hebr. 13. 14
Vir Haben Heir, Keine.
37. Heir ruhet David Bamberger
Er Ward geboren den 8 ten November 1774
und ist gestorben den 23 June 1805 Sen Alter
war 30 yahr 7 monate und 15 tage.
Er ruhet in Frieden.

38. Joseph Bomberger.
Geboren 1772
Sterb 1863
Brachte Seinie Alter ungefer 64 yahr.
39. Heir ruet Henry Frank, Sohn Von Michael &
Sarah Frank. Geboren des 3ten June 1817
Starb den 8 June 1817 alt 5 tage.
40. Heir ruet Abraham Scheffer.
Geboren des 28 sten June 1781
Starb den 24 sten Mae 1850 er brachte
sein alter anf 68 yahr 10 monate und 26 tage.
41. Zum Andenken Von
Elizabeth Scheffer, geboren den 28 January 1776
Starb den 26 ten February 1853
Ihres Alter 77 yahr und 29 tage.
43. Zum andenken. Jonas Bucher geboren den 27 February 1783
Starb September 4, 1864. Alter 81 yahr 6 monate 13 tage.
43. Heir ruet Susana cherfran von Jonas Bucher,
Ein geboren Witmer. Geboren den 12ten June 1787
Starb den 5 October 1867 war alter 80 yahr r monate
3 dage.
44. Heir ruhet Lea Eby geboren den 8 June 1817 und
starb Dec. 16, 1848 ist alter geword 31 yahr
5 monate 15 tage.
45. Heir ruhet Anna Bucher. Ist geboren den 27 January
1820 Starb den 1 Mar. 1842. Ist alter waren 22 yahr
9 monate und 23 tage.
46. Heir ruet Joseph Bucher, ist geboren den 6ten September
1755 Starb September 1804 sin alter ist 49 yahr und 3 wachen.
47. Zum andenken Elizabeth Bucher geboren 13 March
1762 und starb den 17 August 1832. Ihr alter war
70 yahr 5 monate und 4 tage.
48. Illegible.
49. Heir ruet Susanna Bucher ist geboren 13 February 1815
gestorben den 9 January 1817 war alt 1 yahr 10 monate
27 tage.
50. Heir ruhet Anna geboren von Christian & Barbara
Bucher geboren den 25 sten July 1814 und starb namelich tage.
51. Heir ruet Samuel Bucher ist geboren 11 June 1846
und starb den 13 October 1849 war alt 3 yahr 10 monate
3 tage.
52. Heir ruet Peter Eby ist geboren den 15 October 1842
und Starb den 19 June 1852 war alt 9 yahr 3 monate
und 12 tage.
53. Heir ruet ien sohnvon Joseph & Catharine Bucher 1857.
54. Heir ruet Jonas Bucher geboren den 20 October 1854
Starb Mai 20, 1859 ist alter 4 yehr 5 monate und 9 tage
Den Christs in men laben und Starns men gen

55. We miss him
In memory of Jacob Reist born Nov. 8, 1795
died January 1, 1878 aged 70 years 1 mo. 27 days.
56. Our Aunt
Cathrine Reist born April 10, 1801 died May 10 1875
aged 74 years 1 mo. 2 days.
57. Heir ruet
Magdalena chefran von David Strobel geboren Gingrich
geboren den 13 August 1831 starb den 9 August 1865.
alter 34 yehr 1 mo.
58. In memory of Harvey son of Adam & Eliza Showers
born October 1, 1870 died April 27, 1872
aged 4 years 6 mo. 26 days.
59. In memory of Amanda daughter of Adam & Eliza Showers
Born September 26, 1869 died January 17, 1877
Aged 8 years 3 mo. 21 days.
60. In memory of Elias son of Adam & Eliza Showers
born March 26, 1872 died Jan 26, 1877
Aged 4 years 9 mo. 24 days.
61. In memory of Jacob son of Adam & Eliza Showers
Born Dec. 10, 1875 died Jan 21, 1877
Aged 1 year 1 mo. 11 days.
62. Infant son of Adam & Eliza Showers .
63. Adam Showers. Born April 9, 1849 died July 6, 1894
aged 45 years, 2 mo. 27 days.
Farewell my wife and Children all
From you a father, Christ does call.
64. Eliza, wife of Adam Showers, Born August 8, 1849
died October 2, 1907. Aged 58 years, 2 mo. 4 days.
"Rest Mother rest in quiet sleep
While friends in sorrow weep."
65. Four grave stones, Children of Jacob & Maria Bomberger
are illegible 1810 1821 1820 1828
66. C. B. (Bomberger)
67. M. B. (Bomberger)
68. Heir Ruhet Mary Kartz sie wor geboren Eberlisen
Geboren den 26 August 1776 Starb den 9 ten October 1846
Alter 70 yohr 1 monate 12 tage.
69. Heir Ruhet Ludwick Kartz Starb den 11 June 1841
ungefar 74 yohr alt.

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A LONG the Newport road the bronze tablet erected to the memory of the first Christian Bomberger in this country was set on a granite base, four by five feet, and weighing four tons, brought there from Mt. Hope. The inscription reads

In Memory of
CHRISTIAN BOMBERGER

A God-fearing and industrious man, who with his wife, Maria, two sons, John and Christian, and six daughters, left the tenantry of Baron Von Der Fels, in Eschelbronn, Baden, May 12th, 1722, was granted a certificate of honorable dismissal by the Chief Magistrate of Waibstadt, and settled in this tract, among the Indians. He died in 1742. His body rests in the family God's acre on yonder hill.

Erected
By His Descendants
1923.

Where Many Bombergers Worshiped



Erb's Mennonite Meeting House.

Until recent years practically all the Bombergers were members of the Mennonite church (founded by Menno Simon during the fifteenth century). This sect is one of the "plain" Protestant denominations, wearing a quiet and peculiar garb, worshiping in severely simple meeting houses, choosing their ministers by lot, opposing the taking of oaths and refusing to bear arms, believing war unchristian. They were originally several hundred years ahead of the times by urging separation of church and state. Among the early settlers of Pennsylvania they were expert farmers and counted as earnest, sensible, intelligent, God-fearing, industrious, upright men and women. Meeting houses attended by the Bombergers included Hess', Hammer Creek and Erb's.

Christian, of the second generation was a Mennonite preacher. Christian, of the fourth, and Christian of the fifth generations were Mennonite bishops.

The contact of these agricultural people with the Moravians of nearby Lititz always was friendly. In fact, while disinterested in higher education for themselves, they assisted in financing higher schools in Moravian Lititz by loans from time to time. It must be remembered that helping to develop the nearby town furnished a market for the produce of these frugal people. Their belief did not include putting pressure on any one in matters of conscience; "Believe and let believe" was their religious motto.

Where the Windmills Were



Windmill, 1890s

The windmill was a common sight in the landscape of the early 19th century. It was a structure of great utility, used for grinding grain and other purposes. The windmill was a symbol of the power of the wind, and it was a source of pride for the community. The windmill was a structure of great beauty, and it was a source of pride for the community. The windmill was a structure of great utility, used for grinding grain and other purposes. The windmill was a symbol of the power of the wind, and it was a source of pride for the community. The windmill was a structure of great beauty, and it was a source of pride for the community.

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